

COMMUNITY BOARD #1 FULL BOARD MEETING – FEBRUARY 15, 2018 – 7:30 P.M.

ALL SAINTS EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 22329 VICTORY BLVD.

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman

MEMBERS

Vincent Accornero
Joseph Ahlstrom, Excused
Ali Mir Masum
Anjail Ameen-Rice
Larry Beslow
Joseph Bird, Absent
Telee Brown
Sandy Carles
Loretta Cauldwell
Anthony Cosentino
Megan Delmar
George Doyle
Claudette Duff, Excused
Linda Eskenas
Timothy Forsyth
Victoria Gillen
John Guzzo
Celeste Holmes, Excused
Sunny Jain, Excused
Lisa Lattanzio
Norman Light
Priscilla Marco
John McBeth
Pearl Minsky
Mohan Radharkrishn
Jeffrey Mohlenbrok, Leave
Friday Ogbewe
Ole Olsen, Excused
Ernest Paige, Excused
Catherine Paradiso
Amy Poirer
Fran Real, Excused
Chris Rooney, Excused
Marjorie Ryan, Absent
James Samuels, Excused
Anthony Scaturi
Nicholas Siclari
George Sona
Hakan Tale
Kelly Vilar, Excused
Kevin Washington
Daniel Williams
Camille Zarrelli, Excused
Bob Zion, Excused
Nicholas Zvegintzov

GUESTS

Patrick Lewis, Rep, Public Advocate Letita James
Charles Fall, Chief of Staff, NYC Parks & Recreation
Francine Capeli, Rep. Councilman Steve Matteo
Mark Zink, Rep. MOA Titone
Angela Mirizzi Olsen, Rep. MOA Nicole Malliotakis
Joan Cusick, Director Human Resources Administration
Nicole Brooks, NYC Parks & Recreation
Fred Riley, Consumer Affairs
Michael Morrell, President Westerleigh Improv. Society
Robert Holst, Spectrum
Leticia Remauro, The Von Agency
Michael Tobin, Hebrew Public School
Eric Patterson, Westerleigh Park Committee
Ruth Garber, Resident
Natalie Garber, Resident
Adi Tzur, Resident
Karen Leivent, Resident

OFFICE STAFF

Joseph Carroll, District Manager
Lisa Crosby, Community Associate

Chairman Nicholas Siclari called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll call attendance taken quorum present.
Motion made, seconded and approved to accept January 2018 Full Board Minutes.

Megan Delmar introduced volunteers of Helping Others Obtain Possibilities Through Horses (HOOPH), explained the program and presented Certificates of Appreciation.

Mr. Fred Riley, Department of Consumer Affairs spoke of NYC Free Tax Preparation which is intended as a resource for residents of the five New York City boroughs to help you access a valuable benefit that you might be eligible for. The NYC Free Tax Prep Portal will help you determine your eligibility for free tax preparation services in the City of New York and connect you to helpful resources regarding free tax preparation and valuable tax credits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, for which you might be eligible. For more information visit nyc.gov/taxprep

Ms. Leticia Remauro and Mr. Michael Tobin informed the Board that they would like to site a Hebrew Public School on the North Shore or Mid Island. There are currently schools in Brooklyn and Manhattan. The school would be a charter school open to everyone.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

FIRST VICE-CHAIRMAN, ANTHONY COSENTINO – No report.

SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN, CHRISTOPHER ROONEY – No report.

THIRD VICE-CHAIRMAN, FRIDAY OGBEWELE – No report.

SECRETARY, ANJAIL AMEEN-RICE – No report.

TREASURER, LARRY BESLOW – No report.

CHAIRMAN, NICHOLAS SICLARI – Don't forget to bring a non-perishable food item to the next Board Meeting for the Bread of Life Food Drive at Farrell H.S. on March 24, 2018.

DISTRICT MANAGER, JOSEPH CARROLL – No report.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mr. Robert Holst, Local 3 spoke on behalf of the 1800 Spectrum workers on strike for 11 months. Local 3 asked that customers cancel Spectrum service and tell family and friends across the country to do the same; tell elected officials not to renew Spectrum Franchise that they are mistreating workers and customers; send letters, petitions directly to public service commission.

Chairman Nicholas Siclari asked if there was any objection of sending a letter to Councilwoman Rose requesting that the City does not renew the Franchise Agreement with Spectrum. No objection.

Mr. Patrick Lewis, representing Public Advocate Letita James mentioned a letter was sent asking that Primary Day be moved to Thursday. Right now is scheduled for Primary Day.

PUBLIC SESSION CLOSED

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

LAND USE, VINCENT ACCORNERO – There was no Land Use Public Hearing. Mr. Accornero mentioned we have confirmed with the County Clerk's Office that there are deed restrictions what can be built at 754 Targee Street which we heard at our last Public Hearing to build a Popeye's. The applicant will not be going forward with that proposal.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, CATHERINE PARADISO – Health and Hospital Corporation will be attending the March 2018 Board Meeting.

WATERFRONT, OLE OLSEN – No meeting, no report.

PUBLIC SERVICES, SUNNY JAIN – No meeting, no report.

YOUTH SERVICES, KELLY VILAR – No minutes submitted.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS – No report.

BUDGET & FINANCE, ANTHONY COSENTINO - The following letter of response to the Mayor for budget FY' 2019 was presented and voted on unanimously:

Honorable Bill de Blasio, Mayor
City of New York
City Hall
New York, New York 10007

Re: Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Response

Dear Mayor de Blasio:

By way of preamble, Community Board 1 would like to thank you for continuing to provide capital funding to improve our neighborhood parks and for providing asphalt to pave our streets; for working with Deputy Majority Leader Rose and Commissioner Garcia to provide the wherewithal to move the Sanitation District 1 garage from a residential community into an appropriate area; and, for working with HHC to develop an "URGICARE" facility in the Park Hill Community.

Community Board #1 represents Staten Island's North Shore and has been a tireless advocate for improving the quality of life of our residents, increasing affordable housing, improving senior services, expanding youth services, adding needed school seats, improving the transportation system and mass transit system, and developing our waterfront.

More than 15 years ago, we asked that the New York City Economic Development Corporation locate the National Lighthouse Museum at the former Coast Guard Base adjacent to the Ferry Terminal. Years later, we supported the additional development of the site by Triangle Equities.

We requested and supported the release of the RFP for the former Homeport which is now being developed by Iron State Development Corporation.

We supported the release of the Stapleton Municipal Parking Lot to be developed as The Rail, a multi-story, residential building with a retail base.

We supported the St. George rezoning to allow both the construction of our newly completed courthouses along with new mixed use development that will bring new life to St. George.

We supported the release of the NYC EDC's request for expressions of interest that led to the development of the New York Wheel. We urged that the request include both a retail component and a nexus with Bay Street. Both were heeded, and as a result the Empire Outlets are now emerging alongside the New York Wheel. These two projects will inject tens of millions of tourist dollars into the North Shore of Staten Island. Mindful of the potential impact of these large scale developments on our local, already overburdened infrastructure, CB1 then helped negotiate U.L.U.R.P provisions that will provide for traffic amelioration, job development and water's edge improvements.

As you can see, Community Board #1 takes its responsibility as a "Planning" board very seriously and consistent with that focus, we have identified several budget priorities that we believe are necessary to both protect the essence of the North Shore and ensure that the oncoming development is adequately supported by a local infrastructure suited to the task. Our highlight is, however, Cromwell Center.

Replace Cromwell Center over Lyons Pool. Since 1934, the Cromwell Recreation Center had been the focus of recreational activities for tens of thousands of young people and adults alike. Its facilities—which included basketball courts, a boxing ring, fitness areas, a theater with the second largest proscenium arch in the City, and space for after-school activities—were ideally situated along the routes of countless bus lines and the SIRT. People from throughout the borough were able to run, play, box, or workout at Cromwell. But no more. Its absence from the community has robbed the North Shore of what our Senate delegation has described as a "vitally necessary" community resource. Consequently, we ask that the NYC Parks Department add to its Capital Budget the rebuilding of the Cromwell Center over Lyons Pool as a fully funded project. It has been several years since its demolition and as the largest and most heavily used Parks' facility on Staten Island its absence has greatly diminished recreational resources not only the North Shore community but also the entire Borough.

Fund a Professional Study of the circulation of the public areas of the St. George Ferry Terminal to provide visitors easy access to Lighthouse Point and the waterfront beyond. Community Board #1 has been a strong proponent of correcting the circulation of the St. George Ferry Terminal and the Ferry Maintenance Facility. We are asking you to fund a professional study that will help to create a walkway to provide visitors with a safe and visually attractive path from the ferry to Lighthouse Point. Currently, visitors must traverse a dingy, dark walkway that leads them through a dangerous parking lot and a series of fenced off, "regular work" areas in order to connect with Lighthouse Point – a \$250 million privately funded project, the success of which will depend heavily on its retail component. The Staten Island Ferry is an icon known around the world. Similar to Grand Central Station, the Staten Island Ferry should provide visitors with a world class experience when they traverse the property – not only within the terminal but any space which is open to the public. For the projects adjacent to the terminal to be truly successful, visitors must be visually drawn to them, and feel safe enough to make the trip. This will require a reconfiguration of the Kiss and Ride and the Ferry Maintenance Facility Parking lot. Funding a professional circulation study is the first step in what will ultimately make the difference in the success of Lighthouse Point, Navy Pier and other waterfront projects south of the St. George Ferry Terminal.

Provide sufficient capital funding to develop the infrastructure for the Mayor's signature "Bay Street Corridor" plan. This will include a study to see if Bay Street can be made one-

way; the construction of sewers along the corridor; the development of a new school on the Homeport; a new precinct and a new fire house reflective of the great population increase; relocation and other housing help for those who will be displaced; increased Argus cameras along the corridor; and, job training and apprenticeships for residents wanting work during the corridor's build-out.

Construct a promenade to protect against storm surge and to provide waterfront access between Lighthouse Pointe and Fort Wadsworth. Community Board #1 believes funding a promenade to harden and protect the coastline and provide public waterfront access in front of Bay Street Landing, Shore Acres, Alice Austen House Beach, Buono Beach and other areas susceptible to flooding (whether privately or publicly owned) is important to ensure that both commercial and residential properties can quickly recover following a major storm. Community Board #1 asks that you support our request to create a plan for the hardening of the shoreline in order to protect both established and future projects in the area and a plan for appropriate placement of high water marks.

Improve the infrastructure along major corridors in preparation of growing business and residential population. Community Board #1 is requesting infrastructure improvements to both the street and sewer grid along major corridors such as Forest Avenue, Port Richmond Avenue, Richmond Terrace and Victory Boulevard to be able to absorb the impact of increased use and we especially request capital improvements within the Bay Street corridor, including schools and expanded funding for our hospitals.

Increase the Borough of Staten Island's Baseline Budget for the Department of Parks and Recreation. Community Board No. 1 has consistently asked for a baseline budget of \$100 million be applied to the budget of the Department of Parks and Recreation on Staten Island. This request is driven by the need to obviate dealing with the constant response of seeking councilmanic or Borough Presidential funds for items that should be handled through the normal City Agency borough distribution, thus depriving the BP and the Council of funding other needed items, and, as well, provide funding for and a mandate that all Park facilities have rest rooms.

Fund the creation of a Greenway Trail to connect the pedestrians, cyclists and rapid transit to the projects along the waterfront. In order for the \$1 billion dollars in private investment projects along the waterfront to be successful, pedestrians, cyclists and rapid transit must be able to access them from the St. George Ferry, which will be a central point of arrival. Several years ago, Community Board #1 created and introduced a phased outline for such a trail from Ft. Wadsworth to the Bayonne Bridge which we titled "The North Shore Waterfront Greenway Trail."

We ask you to support our request to fund a study to create a comprehensive plan so that visitors coming off the ferry can easily access waterfront projects either by foot, bicycle or bus.

We respectfully request your support so that together we can guarantee the future success of the North Shore.

TRANSPORTATION, NICHOLAS ZVEGINTZOV – The following letter was presented and voted on unanimously to send to the MTA:

CB1 urges the MTA to advance the long-needed improvement of Staten Island bus service by:

1. Implementing the Express Bus Redesign to improve the frequency, speed, and availability of express buses by reducing delays on congested local-street routes.

2. Initiating the Staten Island Local Bus Study for improving the frequency, availability, reliability, and convenience of local buses by simplifying routes, providing cross-island connections, and linking work, retail, and community centers throughout the island.

3. Improving off-island linkages by frequent and quick cross-bridge connector buses.

Items 1 and 2 are the MTA's long promised SI Bus Study. Item 3 seems to fall between them but is also needed.

The strategy with this motion is to combine with CB2 and CB3 (if possible), with the NYC Comptroller (recent report *The Other Transit Crisis: How to Improve the NYC Bus System*), with the SI Borough President, and maybe others, to put pressure on the MTA to get active on this. SI has a unique need and a unique opportunity to improve the buses while the other Boroughs are more focused on subways.

AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

VETERANS COMMITTEE, BOB ZION – No meeting, no report.

LABOR, VICTORIA GILLEN – No meeting, no report. Ms. Minsky asked that all Board Members, family, friends arrange to support Local 3, Spectrum Workers and choose a date to picket.

PARKS & RECREATION, MEGAN DELMAR – No meeting, no report.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS, PEARL MINSKY – Another grant is being applied for to get the talent show going for school age children.

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

CLIFTON/CONCORD/STAPLETON, LARRY BESLOW – A Weatherization workshop is set up by the NY Power Authority on February 8, 2018 – 6:30 P.M. at the Central Family Life Center, this will be the Stapleton Meeting this month,.

WEST BRIGHTON/ST. GEORGE/NEW BRIGHTON, LORETTA CAULDWELL – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

SILVER LAKE/SUNNYSIDE/WESTERLEIGH, CAMILLE ZARRELLI, TIMOTHY FORSYTH – No report.

ROSEBANK/FT. WADSWORTH/SHORE ACRES, JOHN GUZZO – No report.

MARINERS HARBOR/PORT RICHMOND, JOHN MCBETH – The minutes of the meeting are in the packet.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Accornero asked that we send a letter asking that every school has locked doors to protect the safety of the students. A letter will be sent asking the specific safety measures be put in place at every NY school.

Meeting adjourned.